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SUBJECT: WELTZ Plan

1. EOS headquarters believes political risks involved in WELTZ plan are materially increased if WELTZ resides in U.S.A. even temporarily and if American publisher puts out book. While we would hope to keep residence secret, danger of leak is considerable in view of wild news gathering in the U.S. Publisher of course would become known. EOS believes political counterattack against EOS-Gibson "cold war-mongering" would be vicious and damaging unless persuasive demands in U.S. possible. Consequently EOS reluctantly must refuse associate itself in the ways requested with GAWPA plan.
2. We are of course willing and able here in field to consult with Herr Wieland on this project if he proposes carry it out but unfortunately cannot assist beyond giving technical advice.
3. If circumstances might be better request WELTZ submit full interrogation now (in which of course EOS would be able cooperate) and if he cooperative he could simply be released by the German Government without promise to deliver him to Soviets and therefore without "tyrinking" them or East Germans. The German Government could then take stand on principle it could not force WELTZ go back to USSR and otherwise follow through on plan with German plans for innocent residence and European publisher. The German Government could then advise Soviets and all who are pressing for WELTZ's release that they had fulfilled their part of bargain and could not force WELTZ return against his will. Perhaps if WELTZ kept quiet for time some pressure could be exerted for Soviets and East Germans release their prisoners and let them decide where to go. In propaganda deal this would be safer posture for German Government than if outright "trick" at border involved. In any case EOS involvement in any way except "field station technical advice" would be counter-productive.
4. EOS deeply appreciates being out in on plan and will keep most secretive about it in case GAWPA goes ahead on own.

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